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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL IN CORK EXAMINER APRIL 19, 1978

FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN CORK EXAMINER  
APRIL 19, 1978 UNDERHEADING HISTORIC RHODESIA  
MISSION:

THE VISIT TO RHODESIA YESTERDAY OF THE ANGLO-  
AMERICAN MISSION WAS A HISTORICONE. IT WAS THE  
FIRST TIME THAT A U.S. GOVERNMENT DELEGATION  
ENTERED THAT COUNTRY AND THE FIRST TIME THAT  
THE RHODESIA GOVERNMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY  
BLACK AFRICANS.

DR. DAVID OWEN, MR. CYRUS VANCE AND MR. ANDREW  
YOUNG HAVE ADELICATE MISSION. THEY HAD DRAWN  
UP THEIR OWN PLANS FOR RHODESIA, IN CONSULTATION  
WITH LEADERS OF NEIGHBOURING STATES AND OF THE  
PATRIOTIC FRONT GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. MR. IAN  
SMITH OUTMANOEUVRED THEM WITH REMARKABLE SPEED,  
REACHING AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WITH THE THREE  
BLACK LEADERS WITHWHOM HE NOW SHARES THE OFFICE  
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OF PRIME MINISTER. THAT SETTLEMENT IS SUPPOSED  
TO LEAD TO EVENTUAL RULE BY RHODESIA'S BLACK  
MAJORITY. THE ANGLO-AMERICAN TEAM WANT IT  
AMENDED.

IT WOULD BE A LOSS OF FACE FOR THEM IF, AFTER ALL  
THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS, MR. SMITH COULD FIND A

FAIR AND WORKABLE SOLUTION WITHOUT THEM. BUT  
THERE IS MORE THAN THAT TO THEIR RESERVATIONS.

THEY DO NOT TRUST MR. SMITH'S INTENTIONS. THEY  
FEAR THAT ONE WHITE POLITICIAN WILL BE ABLE TO  
TRICK THE THREE BLACKS AND HANG ONTO THE REAL  
POWER: A RACIST ASSUMPTION.

MORE REALISTIC IS THEIR FEAR THAT THE INTERNAL  
SETTLEMENT WILL LEAD TO CIVIL WAR, IRISH STYLE,  
BETWEEN THOSE WHO COMPROMISED AND THOSE WHO HOLD  
OUT FOR TOTAL CAPITULATION BY THE WHITE MINORITY.

THE UNITED STATES FEARS THAT WOULD LEAD TO A  
COMMUNIST TAKE-OVER BUT IT IS NOT READY FOR  
ANOTHER VIETNAM TO PREVENT IT. AND SO THE  
PRESSURE IS ON TO INVOLVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT  
AS A PARTY TO THE SETTLEMENT. ANY OTHER  
OUTCOME WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY MEAN FRIGHTFUL  
BLOODSHED. KRENE

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